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In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.